

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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FUND FOR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/issued guidelines for direct funding of sports infrastructure through public-private joint initiatives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other measures being contemplated by the Government to attract investment for the development of sports infrastructure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a new Scheme of State Sports Academy being introduced during the Tenth Five Year Plan Period. The main objective of the Scheme is to select the best available potential in sports between the age groups of 10-13 years, as well as the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

The scheme will be funded jointly by the Central Govt., State Govt./UT Administration and a sponsor and would be a sort of co-operative venture. The financial assistance to the Academy in respect of capital, recurring and non-recurring costs will be shared between the sponsor, Central Govt. and the State Govt. in the ratio of 51:25:24 subject to the Central Government's contribution being restricted to (i) a maximum of Rs.218 lakhs or 25% of the capital/non-recurring cost whichever is less and (ii) recurring cost subject to maximum of Rs.17 lakhs per annum for a period of three years. The approximate cost of setting up of an Academy would be Rs.9.68 crores.

The Academy will be a registered Society which will be set up and managed by the Sponsor. There would be an Executive Committee comprising of representatives of Sponsor, the Central Government, the State Government and it may also include representatives of National Sports Federations, State Sports Associations, eminent sports persons and Arjuna Awardees, etc.

(c) The Scheme has been circulated to all Sports Secretaries of States/UTs and also available on the Ministry's web site at www.yas.nic.in. The Scheme has also been circulated to the Presidents of Confederation of Indian Industries, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

Apart from above, Government has made efforts to seek the cooperation of the corporate sector for promotion of sports and development of sports infrastructure. Pursuant to the efforts of this Ministry, Sports Authority of India has entered into an MOU with FICCI and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has entered into an MOU with CII for co-operation in the field of sports. Besides, Government has also taken initiatives for getting more contributions from the public and the private sector under its scheme of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) contribution to which is exempted from Income Tax.